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Note that this issue's letters of comment page features two letters of a general nature but focussing mainly on stories that appeared in *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* rather than *Donald Duck and Friends*. I will stress now, as I have in the past, that your letters are important to us. Do you like what we're doing with *Donald Duck and Friends?* Or would you like to see us take a different direction? Maybe you'd like us to scrap the title entirely. We'll never know if you don't write.

We may not be able to do all you wish for and — if we get more letters than we have room for — we may not print every letter we get, but rest assured we do read everything. And we do take your suggestions into consideration.

Both of our commentators this issue expressed a liking for the Three Caballeros and commented they'd like to see solo adventures of Donald's two pals. I don't believe much exists for Panchito, but there are quite a few José Carioca stories available. Most of them deal with the amorous parrot's romantic misadventures. Is there any interest in seeing some of this in *Donald Duck and Friends?* Perhaps a three issue try-out, similar to what we've done with Morty and Ferdie and the Riverside Rovers recently in *Mickey Mouse and Friends? Write* and let us know!

This issue has a nice line-up of stories for your enjoyment, kicking off with a yarn by one of my favorite writers, Janet Gilbert. Also featured is the second part of our third and final (for now) Shambor tale by Pat and Carol McGreal, whom I also hold in high esteem. As you can see, it's open-ended for yet more sequels. Do you want more? Wrapping this comic is a great Woodchuck story by Pat and Shelly Block, two more of my favorites. Gosh, they're *all* my favorites! It's great being editor!

—John Clark

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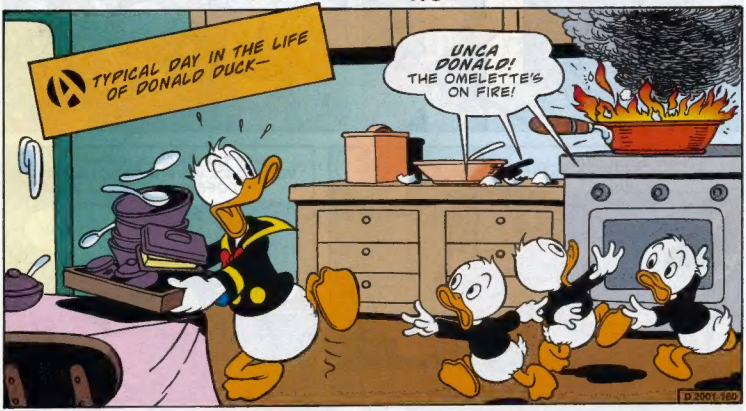
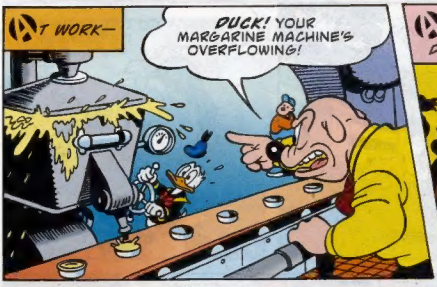
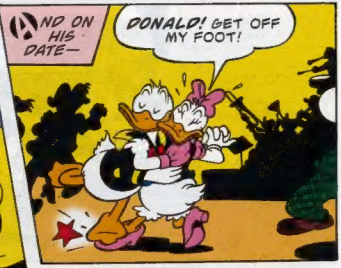
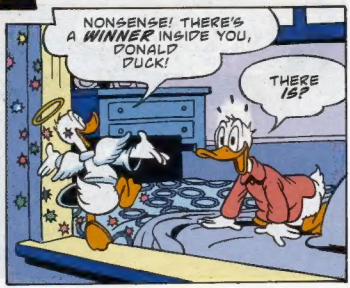
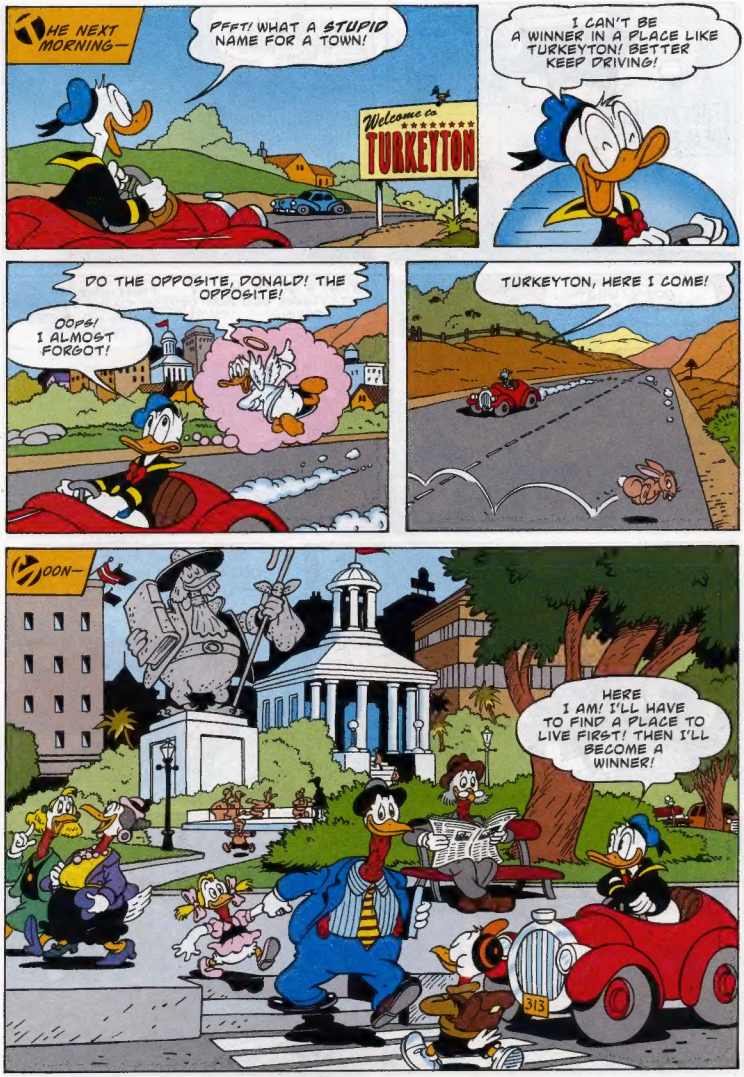








SURE! BUT YOU MUST LEAVE DUCKBURG TO FIND HIM!
I CAN'T! I HAVE THREE LITTLE BOYS TO LOOK AFTER!
REALLY?
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THEM!
THEN LOOK OUT, WORLD! I'M OFF TO FIND MY INNER WINNER!
HOLD ON, DONALD!
BETTER CHANGE FIRST! YOU DON'T WANNA LOOK LIKE A LOSER!
OH, YEAH!
MINUTES LATER—
SHOULD I DRIVE, OR DO YOU WANT TO?
YOU'RE FLYIN' SOLO, BUDDY! GOOD LUCK ON YOUR JOURNEY!
BUT WHAT DO I DO? HOW DO I BECOME A WINNER?
EASY! JUST DO THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU USUALLY DO!
THANKS, ANGEL! I'LL TRY MY BEST!


THE NEXT MORNING—
PFFT! WHAT A STUPID NAME FOR A TOWN!
Welcome to
TURKEYTON
I CAN'T BE A WINNER IN A PLACE LIKE TURKEYTON! BETTER KEEP DRIVING!
DO THE OPPOSITE, DONALD! THE OPPOSITE!
OOPS! I ALMOST FORGOT!
TURKEYTON, HERE I COME!
SOON—
HERE I AM! I'LL HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO LIVE FIRST! THEN I'LL BECOME A WINNER!
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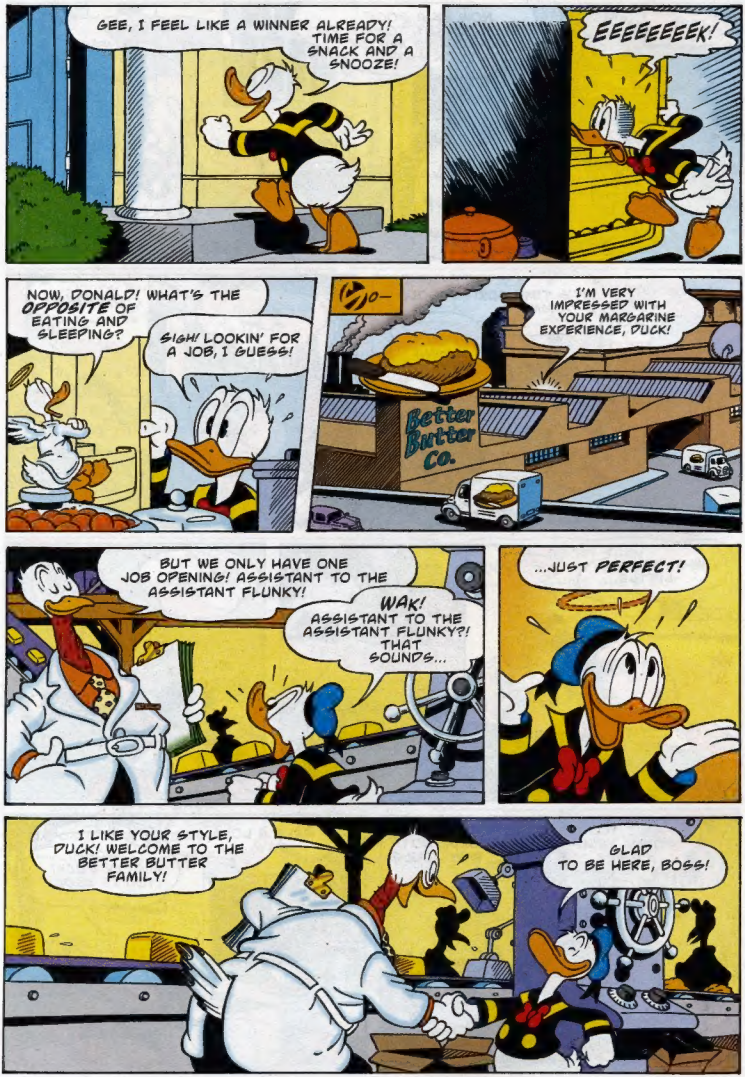
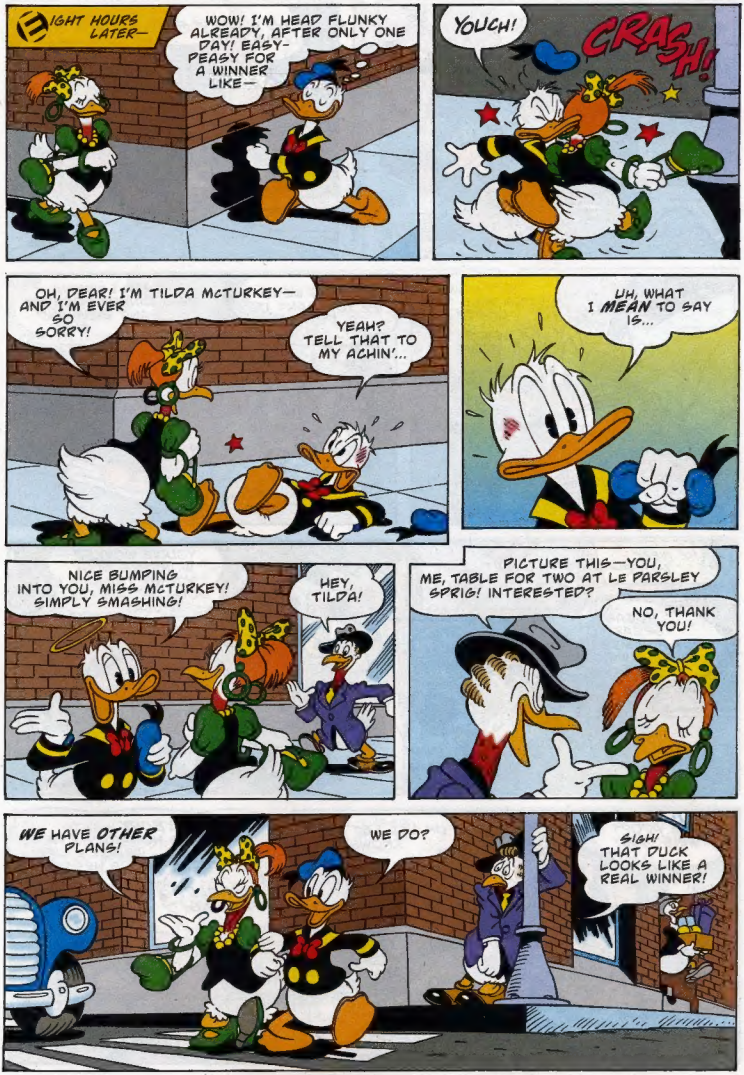
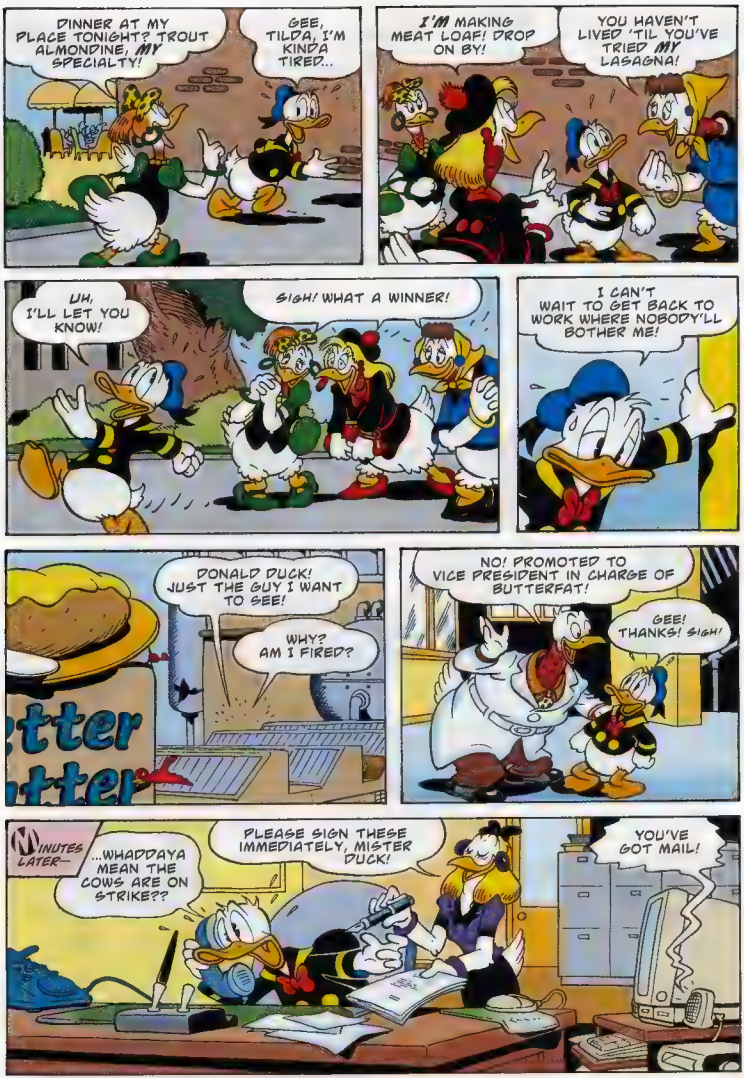
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, MISTER DUCK...
TURKEYTON REAL ESTATE
...BUT NOTHING IS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW!
TSK! YOU MUST NOT BE LOOKIN' TOO—
OOOPS! WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS...
...THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT! THANK YOU FOR TRYING!
WHY, MISTER DUCK! THANK YOU FOR BEING SO UNDERSTANDING!
WAIT! A MRS. GOBBLER IS OFFERING FREE RENT IN EXCHANGE FOR LIGHT HOUSEHOLD DUTIES! INTERESTED?
AND HOW!
GOOD! THEN YOU'LL WATCH HER LITTLE BOY WHILE SHE'S OUT OF TOWN?
WAK! A LITTLE BOY? THAT SOUNDS LIKE SHEER, UNADULTERATED...
BLISS! I JUST LOOOOOVE LITTLE CHILDREN!

NOON—
NOW BE A GOOD LITTLE TURKEY, TOMMY! DO EVERYTHING MISTER DUCK SAYS!
HAVE A SAFE TRIP, MRS. GOBBLER!
YES, MAMA!
Hedda Gobbler
ONE MINUTE LATER—
IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL, TOMMY!
I DON'T WANNA GOOOOOOO!
I WANNA PLAY!
OWWWW!
PING!
WHY, YOU LITTLE...
...DARLING! HEH!
AIN'T YOU GONNA YELL AT ME?
OF COURSE NOT! WHY WOULD I?
HAVE A LOVELY DAY!
GOSH, MISTER DUCK! YOU'RE COOL!
Hedda Gobbler


GEE, I FEEL LIKE A WINNER ALREADY! TIME FOR A SNACK AND A SNOOZE!
EEEEEEEEK!
NOW, DONALD! WHAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF EATING AND SLEEPING?
SIGH! LOOKIN' FOR A JOB, I GUESS!
I'M VERY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR MARGARINE EXPERIENCE, DUCK!
Better Butter Co.
BUT WE ONLY HAVE ONE JOB OPENING! ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT FLUNKY!
WAK! ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT FLUNKY?! THAT SOUNDS...
...JUST PERFECT!
I LIKE YOUR STYLE, DUCK! WELCOME TO THE BETTER BUTTER FAMILY!
GLAD TO BE HERE, BOSS!


EIGHT HOURS LATER—
WOW! I'M HEAD FLUNKY ALREADY, AFTER ONLY ONE DAY! EASY-PEASY FOR A WINNER LIKE—
YOUCH!
CRASH!
OH, DEAR! I'M TILDA MCTURKEY—AND I'M EVER SO SORRY!
YEAH? TELL THAT TO MY ACHIN'...
UH, WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS...
NICE BUMPING INTO YOU, MISS MCTURKEY! SIMPLY SMASHING!
HEY, TILDA!
PICTURE THIS—YOU, ME, TABLE FOR TWO AT LE PARSLEY SPRIG! INTERESTED?
NO, THANK YOU!
WE HAVE OTHER PLANS!
WE DO?
SIGH! THAT DUCK LOOKS LIKE A REAL WINNER!

THAT NIGHT—
WHAT A DAY! I'VE GONE FROM LOSER TO WINNER IN 24 HOURS FLAT!
SO HOW'S IT FEEL, BIG GUY?
TERRIFIC!
BUT HOW LONG WILL THIS LAST?
JUST AS LONG AS YOU WANT IT TO, DONALD!
THEN I WANNA BE A WINNER FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER...
ONE WEEK LATER—
PLEASE SPEAK TO OUR PTA MEETING! PLEASE WRITE A BOOK!
YOU'VE WORKED WONDERS WITH YOUNG TOMMY GOBBLER, MISTER DUCK!
PLEASE ADOPT MY TWINS! SOB!
UH, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
EVERYBODY WANTS MY ADVICE NOWADAYS! THIS WINNER'S LIFE IS HECTIC!
DONALD! DARLING!


DINNER AT MY PLACE TONIGHT? TROUT ALMONDINE, MY SPECIALTY!
GEE, TILDA, I'M KINDA TIRED..
I'M MAKING MEAT LOAF! DROP ON BY!
YOU HAVEN'T LIVED 'TIL YOU'VE TRIED MY LASAGNA!
UH, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
SIGH! WHAT A WINNER!
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK TO WORK WHERE NOBODY'LL BOTHER ME!
DONALD DUCK! JUST THE GUY I WANT TO SEE!
WHY? AM I FIRED?
NO! PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF BUTTERFAT!
GEE! THANKS! SIGH!
MINUTES LATER—
...WHADDAYA MEAN THE COWS ARE ON STRIKE??
PLEASE SIGN THESE IMMEDIATELY, MISTER DUCK!
YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

EIGHT HOURS LATER—
WHAT A DAY! CAN'T WAIT TO HIT THE SOFA!
MISTER DUCK! A WINNER LIKE YOU SHOULD RUN FOR DOGCATCHER!
MAYOR!
PRESIDENT!
UH, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
Hobbs Gobbler
FREE AT LAST!
HERE HE IS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...
SLAM!
...DONALD DUCK! MY HERO!
MISTER DUCK! TELL OUR AUDIENCE HOW YOU BECAME A WINNER!
FACE THE CAMERA, MISTER DUCK! SMILE, MISTER DUCK!
I... I... I... GULP! I... I...
"PORTRAIT OF A WINNER" IS EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES! PLEASE STAND BY!

THAT NIGHT—
MY NEW LIFE IS RUNNING ME RAGGED! BUT ONCE A WINNER, ALWAYS A WINNER...
SAYS WHO?
WHAT? YOU MEAN I CAN BE A LOSER AGAIN?
SURE! GO BACK TO DUCKBURG AND DO WHAT COMES NATURALLY!
SOUNDS TEMPTING, INDEED!
NO! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, DONALD!
WELL! IF IT AIN'T MISTER GOODY-TWO-SHOES!
THEM'S FIGHTIN' WORDS, YOU FIEND!
HERE! HOLD MY HALO FOR A MINUTE!
OKAY!
DEVIL! ALWAYS STICKIN' YOUR PITCH-FORK WHERE IT DON'T BELONG!
AW, MAKE LIKE AN ANGEL AND FLY, WILLYA?
OH, ME! WHAT DO I DO? TURKEYTON OR DUCKBURG? WINNER OR LOSER?

I DID PROMISE TO WATCH TOMMY! I SHOULD STAY!
BUT HIS MOM'S COMING HOME TOMORROW! I COULD LEAVE!
BUT I AM VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF BUTTERFAT! I SHOULD STAY!
BUT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO THE OPPOSITE! SO THAT MEANS...
OME SWEET HOME—
DUCK!
DONALD!
UNCA DONALD!
DONALD DUCK
SCOLD! SCOLD!
CRITICIZE! CRITICIZE!
AH, IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK!
NAG! NAG! NAG!

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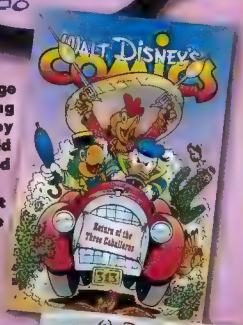

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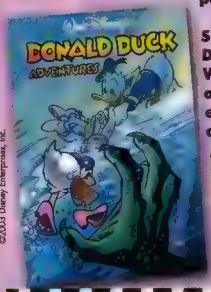

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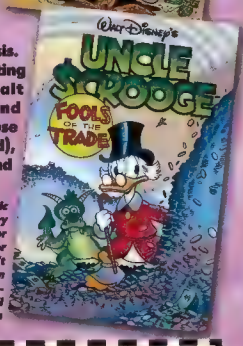

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HAVING RETURNED ONCE AGAIN TO THE FANTASTIC REALM OF SHAMBOR, MICKEY LEADS HIS FRIENDS YEKCIM ESUOM, PRINCESS LORAC, LIEUTENANT KNIFTAR AND THE RAG-TAG REBELS IN A SURPRISE ATTACK ON THE ROYAL PALACE WHERE THE EVIL GRAND VIZIER RESIDES! BUT UNKNOWN TO MICK AND HIS PALS, A TRAITOR HAS TIPPED THEIR HAND -
IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
IT SURE IS, KNIFTAR! WITH THE VIZIER'S ARMY AWAY IN ANOTHER PART OF THE REALM, OUR ONLY OPPOSITION IS A HANDFUL OF PALACE GUARDS!
RIGHT! WE'LL INTIMIDATE THEM AND WALTZ RIGHT THROUGH THE FRONT GATE LIKE WE OWN THE PLACE!
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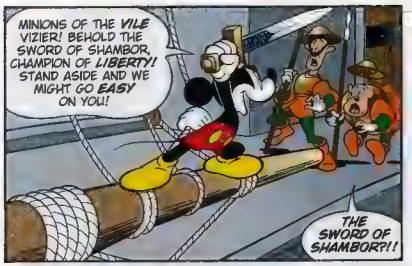
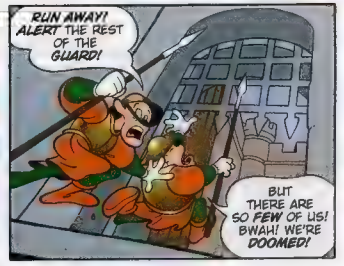
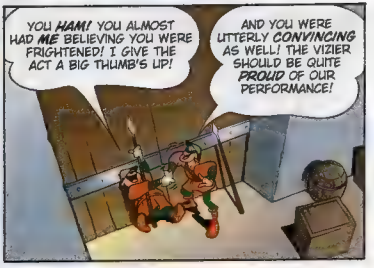
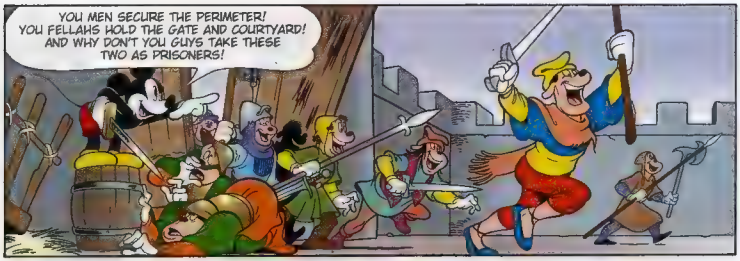

MINIONS OF THE VILE VIZIER! BEHOLD THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR, CHAMPION OF LIBERTY! STAND ASIDE AND WE MIGHT GO EASY ON YOU!
THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR?!!

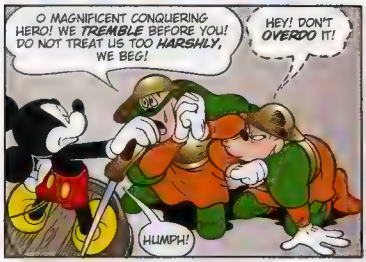


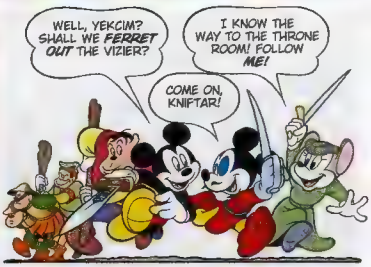
THEY'RE CLOSING THE GATE! WELL, THAT WON'T STOP US!
DID YOU SEE THEM RUN? YOU SCARED THE BEJEEBERS OUT OF 'EM! THE CASTLE IS AS GOOD AS OURS!
BANG!

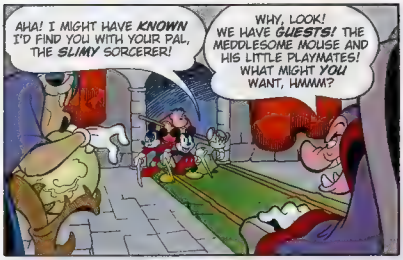

YOU HAM! YOU ALMOST HAD ME BELIEVING YOU WERE FRIGHTENED! I GIVE THE ACT A BIG THUMB'S UP!
AND YOU WERE UTTERLY CONVINCING AS WELL! THE VIZIER SHOULD BE QUITE PROUD OF OUR PERFORMANCE!

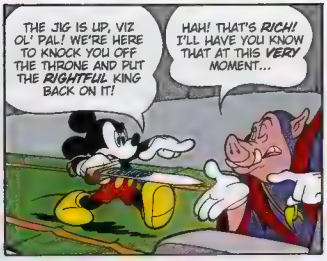
THOSE IDIOT REBELS HAVE NO IDEA THEY'VE GOT A SPY IN THEIR MIDST! HEH HEH HEH! I HAD HIM TELL THEM MY ARMY WAS FAR AWAY!
HAR! THE TRUTH IS... MY TROOPS ARE HIDING RIGHT HERE IN THE CASTLE! WAITING TO SPRING INTO ACTION AT MY COMMAND!
AND WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED CONJURING, THORNENCLAW MY WIZARD, THE TRAP WILL BE COMPLETE! HOW'S IT GOING, ANYWAY?! I'M GETTING ANTSY!
PATIENCE, EXALTED ONE!
MY MYSTIC CRYSTAL IS CASTING A POWERFUL SPELL OF CONTAINMENT! YOU CAN'T HURRY THE ARCANE FORCES...
MEANWHILE--
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE! OPEN THE GATE OR I USE THE SWORD!
PLEASE DON'T HURT US! -SNICKER!-
WE'D LIKE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU, MISTER LIBERATOR, BUT OUR MASTER WOULD GET MIGHTY PEEVED!
GANGWAY! THERE'S NO STOPPING US NOW! LET'S TAKE THE CASTLE!
HAVE IT YOUR WAY, BUB!
WALLA-WHANG!

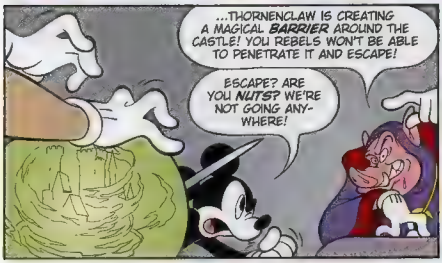

YOU MEN SECURE THE PERIMETER! YOU FELLAHS HOLD THE GATE AND COURTYARD! AND WHY DON'T YOU GUYS TAKE THESE TWO AS PRISONERS!


O MAGNIFICENT CONQUERING HERO! WE *TREMBLE* BEFORE YOU! DO NOT TREAT US TOO *HARSHLY*, WE BEG!
HEY! DON'T *OVERDO* IT!
HUMPH!

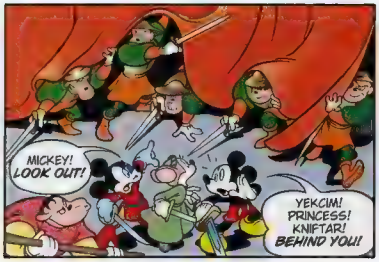

WELL, YEKCIM? SHALL WE *FERRET OUT* THE VIZIER?
I KNOW THE WAY TO THE THRONE ROOM! FOLLOW *ME!*
COME ON, KNIPTAR!

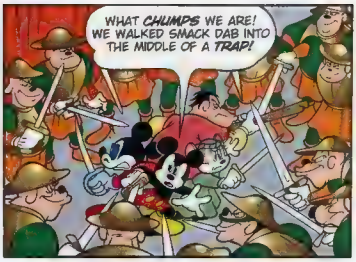

AHA! I MIGHT HAVE *KNOWN* I'D FIND YOU WITH YOUR PAL, THE *SLIMY* SORCERER!
WHY, LOOK! WE HAVE *GUESTS!* THE MEDDLESOME MOUSE AND HIS LITTLE PLAYMATES! WHAT MIGHT *YOU* WANT, HMMM?


THE JIG IS UP, VIZ OL' PAL! WE'RE HERE TO KNOCK YOU OFF THE THRONE AND PUT THE *RIGHTFUL* KING BACK ON IT!
HAH! THAT'S *RICH!* I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT AT THIS *VERY* MOMENT...


...THORNENCLAW IS CREATING A MAGICAL *BARRIER* AROUND THE CASTLE! YOU REBELS WON'T BE ABLE TO PENETRATE IT AND ESCAPE!
ESCAPE? ARE YOU *NUTS?* WE'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!

NO...YOU'RE NOT...

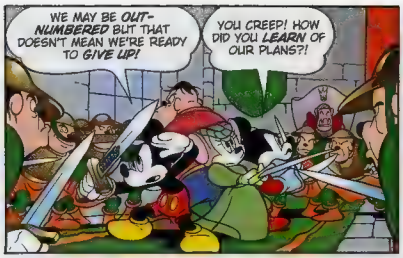

MICKEY! LOOK OUT!
YEKCIM! PRINCESS! KNIFTAR! BEHIND YOU!


WHAT CHUMPS WE ARE! WE WALKED SMACK DAB INTO THE MIDDLE OF A TRAP!

WHILE IN THE COURT-YARD --
THE CAPTAIN AND THE LIBERATOR MUST'VE TROUNCED THAT CRUMMY OL' VIZIER BY NOW!
YOU BET! THE OPERATION WENT WITHOUT A HITCH!

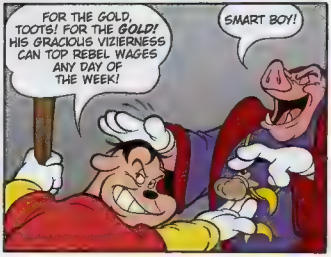
BOY, WHAT I WOULDN'T GAVE TO SEE THE EXPRESSION ON THE VIZIER'S MUG WHEN HE--
UM... BETTER TAKE A LOOK UP THERE!

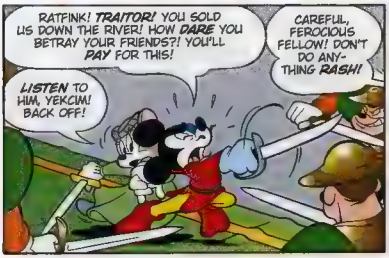
UH OH! I GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

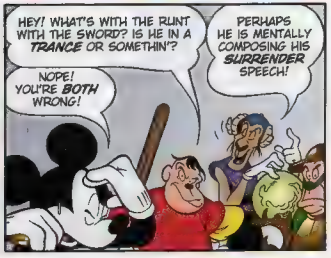

WE MAY BE OUT-NUMBERED BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE READY TO GIVE UP!
YOU CREEP! HOW DID YOU LEARN OF OUR PLANS?!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? THERE IS A TRAITOR AMONGST YOU!
TRAITOR?!

WELL, I GUESS IT'S TIME TO SHOW MY TRUE COLORS! YOU'RE SUCH A SUCKER, YEKCIM!
KNIFTAR! YOU...?!
BUT... WHY?!!


FOR THE GOLD, TOOTS! FOR THE GOLD! HIS GRACIOUS VIZIERNESS CAN TOP REBEL WAGES ANY DAY OF THE WEEK!
SMART BOY!

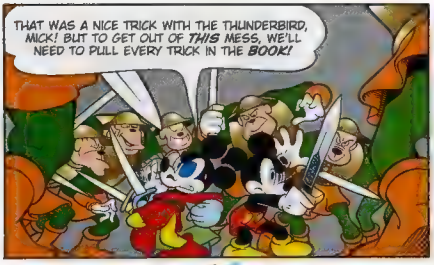

RATFINK! TRAITOR! YOU SOLD US DOWN THE RIVER! HOW DARE YOU BETRAY YOUR FRIENDS?! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
CAREFUL, FEROCIOUS FELLOW! DON'T DO ANY-THING RASH!
LISTEN TO HIM, YEKCIM! BACK OFF!

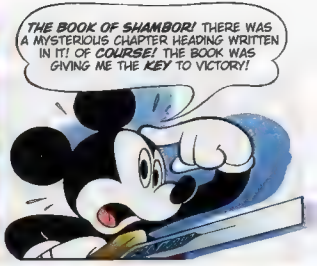

HEY! WHAT'S WITH THE RUNT WITH THE SWORD? IS HE IN A TRANCE OR SOMETHIN'?
PERHAPS HE IS MENTALLY COMPOSING HIS SURRENDER SPEECH!
NOPE! YOU'RE BOTH WRONG!

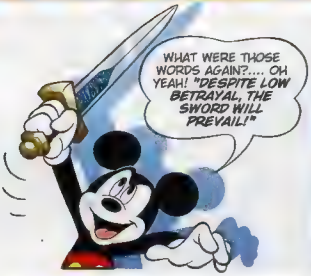
Y'SEE, WIZ, I FIGURE YOUR SPELL MAY KEEP US FROM GETTING OUT, BUT IT WON'T STOP SOMEONE FROM GETTING IN!

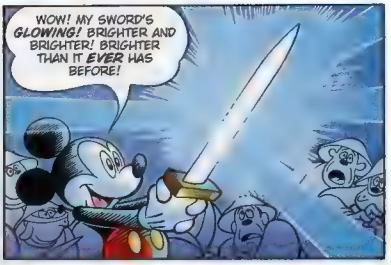
SO I JUST TELEPATHICALLY SUMMONED A CERTAIN FRIEND OF MINE...

"...THE THUNDERBIRD!"
TAKE HEART, REBELS OF SHAMBOR! I WILL *HELP* YOU!
YAAAAAAYY!!
KRACKA-DOOOOOM!!
YOW! WE CAN'T STAY HERE AND GET SKEWERED BY LIGHTNING! *JUMP!*
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL *ME TWICE*, BROTHER!
WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S *JOINED* US!
GUESS THE PLAYING FIELD'S BEEN *LEVELED!*
MAYBE NOT! THEY *STILL* OUTNUMBER US THREE TO ONE!
SO WHAT?! IF THIS IS GOING TO BE OUR LAST STAND, LET'S SHOW 'EM WHAT THE REBELS ARE *MADE* OF!

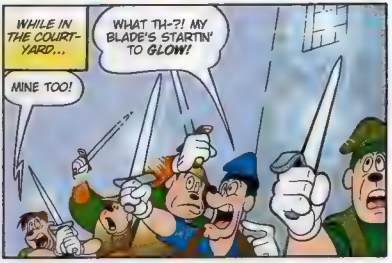

THAT WAS A NICE TRICK WITH THE THUNDERBIRD, MICK! BUT TO GET OUT OF *THIS* MESS, WE'LL NEED TO PULL EVERY TRICK IN THE *BOOK!*

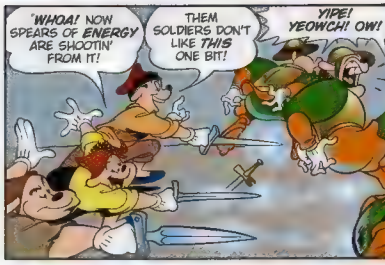

THE BOOK OF SHAMBOR! THERE WAS A MYSTERIOUS CHAPTER HEADING WRITTEN IN IT! OF *COURSE!* THE BOOK WAS GIVING ME THE *KEY* TO VICTORY!


WHAT WERE THOSE WORDS AGAIN?.... OH YEAH! *"DESPITE LOW BETRAYAL, THE SWORD WILL PREVAIL!"*


WOW! MY SWORD'S *GLOWING!* BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER! BRIGHTER THAN IT *EVER* HAS BEFORE!

THORNENCLAW! CAN'T YOU DO *ANY-THING* TO STOP HIM?!
I SUPPOSE I *COULD* WHIP UP A FIREBALL OR TWO!

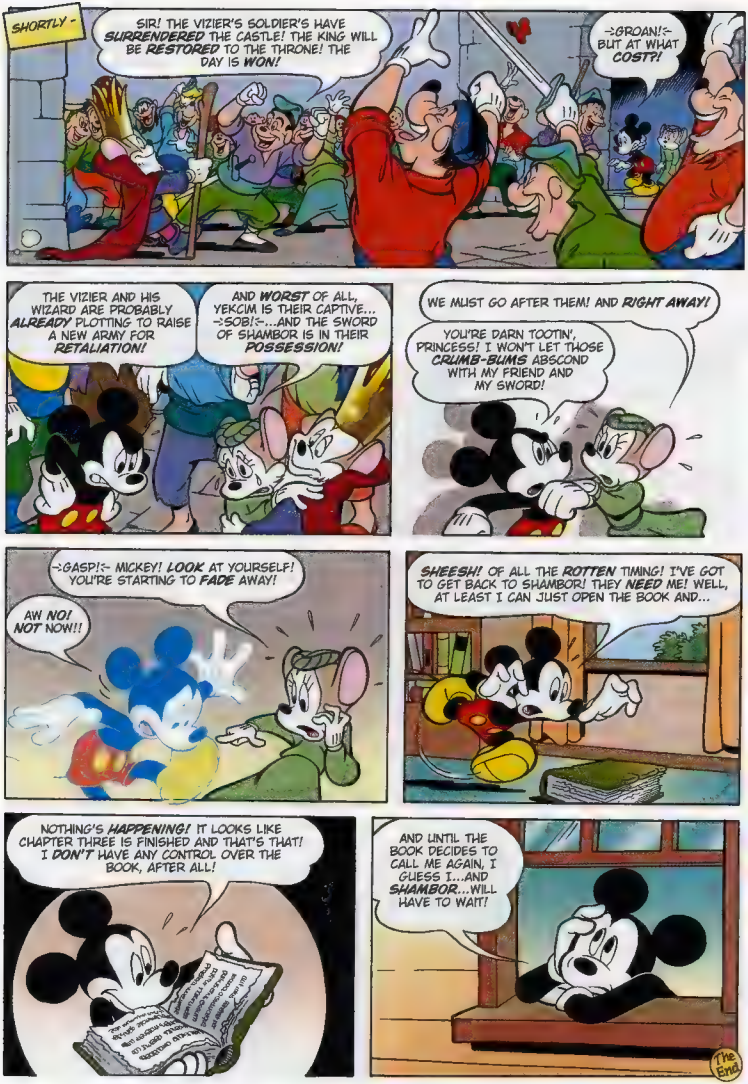

WHILE IN THE COURT-YARD...
WHAT TH-?! MY BLADE'S STARTIN' TO *GLOW!*
MINE TOO!


'WHOA! NOW SPEARS OF *ENERGY* ARE SHOOTIN' FROM IT!
THEM SOLDIERS DON'T LIKE *THIS* ONE BIT!
YIPE! YEOWCH! OW!

HURRAH! WE GOT 'EM ON THE *RUN!*
I'LL BET THE *LIBERATOR* HAD A HAND IN THIS! HIM AND HIS SWORD OF SHAMBOR!
YEEP! OUCH! OOOCH!!

MICKEY, YOU'RE A GENIUS! YOUR SWORD HAS EMPOWERED ALL OUR WEAPONS WITH MYSTIC ENERGY!
THINGS ARE CERTAINLY LOOKING UP!
-:GULP!:- THE TIDE IS TURNING! YOU! PREPARE MY AIR GALLEON FOR A SPEEDY GETAWAY!
BUH-BUH-BUT, EXALTED ONE...
HAH! NOW I'VE GOT YOU, YOU CRINGING GLOB OF EARWAX!
MERCY! OH, PLEASE, MERCY, MY LADY! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BIG FAN OF YOU AND YOUR POP!
-:YOWCH!:- RUN AWAY!
-:EEECH!:- RUN AWAY!
HO! LOOK AT 'EM GO! BEATING FEET WITH THEIR TAILS BETWEEN THEIR LEGS!
UGH! NGH! HURF!
AW, WHAT'S THE MATTER, WIZZY? DON'T YOU WANT A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE?
WHAT?! WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU! YOUR AIR GALLEON CAN'T LEAVE BECAUSE OF THE SPELL CAST BY THE WIZARD!
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO BREAK THAT SPELL!

LIKE THIS!
WHURFF!
KA-RASH!
JUST IN TIME! HE ALMOST HAD ME! QUICK! TO YOUR GALLEON!
NO! MICKEY'S OUT FOR THE COUNT! AND THOSE CREEPS ARE ESCAPING! I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!
IT'S IMPORTANT MY MEN SEE THAT THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR IS STILL IN ACTION! HOPE MICK DOESN'T MIND IF I BORROW IT!
OOOOOO...
WHOOPS! THE MYSTIC GLOW IS FADING FROM THE BLADE! WELL, I CAN'T LET THAT SLOW ME UP!
VIZIER! THORNENCLAW! I'M NOT FINISHED WITH YOU YE--- OH CRIMINY!
GRAB HIM! TAKE HIM DOWN!
EXCELLENT WORK, GENTLEMEN! BE SURE TO TAKE THE SWORD! AND BRING THAT MOUSE ALONG...HE MAY BE OF USE TO US!
I BLEW IT! I BOTCHED IT! I BUNGLED IT! I'M SORRY, MICKEY...
...I'M SORRY...


SHORTLY -
SIR! THE VIZIER'S SOLDIER'S HAVE SURRENDERED THE CASTLE! THE KING WILL BE RESTORED TO THE THRONE! THE DAY IS WON!
-:GROAN!:- BUT AT WHAT COST?
THE VIZIER AND HIS WIZARD ARE PROBABLY ALREADY PLOTTING TO RAISE A NEW ARMY FOR RETALIATION!
AND WORST OF ALL, YEKCIM IS THEIR CAPTIVE... -:SOB!:-...AND THE SWORD OF SHAMBOR IS IN THEIR POSSESSION!
WE MUST GO AFTER THEM! AND RIGHT AWAY!
YOU'RE DARN TOOTIN', PRINCESS! I WON'T LET THOSE CRUMB-BUMS ABSCOND WITH MY FRIEND AND MY SWORD!
-:GASP!:- MICKEY! LOOK AT YOURSELF! YOU'RE STARTING TO FADE AWAY!
AW NO! NOT NOW!!
SHEESH! OF ALL THE ROTTEN TIMING! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO SHAMBOR! THEY NEED ME! WELL, AT LEAST I CAN JUST OPEN THE BOOK AND...
NOTHING'S HAPPENING! IT LOOKS LIKE CHAPTER THREE IS FINISHED AND THAT'S THAT! I DON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THE BOOK, AFTER ALL!
AND UNTIL THE BOOK DECIDES TO CALL ME AGAIN, I GUESS I...AND SHAMBOR...WILL HAVE TO WAIT!
The End

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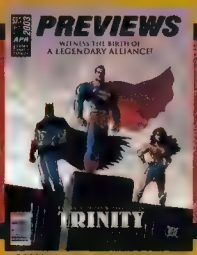

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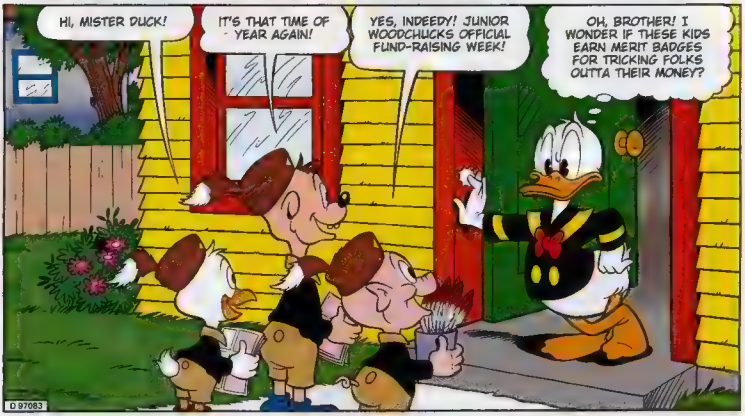
HI, MISTER DUCK!
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
YES, INDEEDY! JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS OFFICIAL FUND-RAISING WEEK!
OH, BROTHER! I WONDER IF THESE KIDS EARN MERIT BADGES FOR TRICKING FOLKS OUTTA THEIR MONEY?
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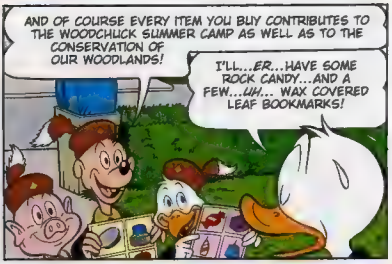
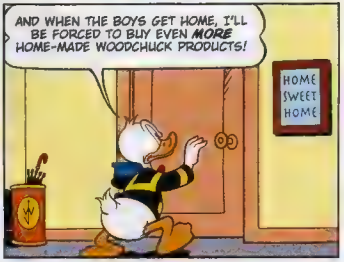

AND OF COURSE EVERY ITEM YOU BUY CONTRIBUTES TO THE WOODCHUCK SUMMER CAMP AS WELL AS TO THE CONSERVATION OF OUR WOODLANDS!
I'LL...ER...HAVE SOME ROCK CANDY...AND A FEW...UH... WAX COVERED LEAF BOOKMARKS!



JEEPERS! I'M UP TO MY ELBOWS IN WOODCHUCK CANDLES, EGG CUPS AND COASTERS!
BONK!
BOINK!
BING!
BOP!
WHY, I'M GONNA HAVE TO BUILD SOME BIGGER CLOSETS IF THOSE KIDS DON'T STOP FORCING ME TO BUY STUFF!
HOME SWEET HOME
MY HOME'S TURNING INTO A WAREHOUSE!
SAY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE SINK?
BLUB!
SOMETHING'S BLOCKING IT!
PLUNGE!
CHUG!
STUBBORN, HUH? I'LL FIX YA!
CHUG!
CHUG!
CHUG!
GRR! NO LUCK SO FAR! I GUESS IT'S TIME TO BRING IN THE HEAVIES!
KA-LANG!
IT'S FINALLY UNBLOCKED! AND THAT GOOEY STUFF SEEMS TO BE THE CULPRIT! WHY, IT SMELLS LIKE SOAP!

IT'S THIS WORTHLESS JUNIOR WOODCHUCK HAND-MADE SOAP! THE *WORST* PRODUCT THOSE LITTLE CLUCKS HAVE EVER SOLD ME!
AND ME WITH A WHOLE CASEFUL OF THE STUFF!
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TAKE ACTION! I'M GETTING RID OF THIS CRUMBY SOAP!
BUT I CAN'T JUST THROW IT AWAY! I PAID GOOD MONEY FOR IT!
I KNOW! IF THOSE CHUCKLE-HEADS CAN SELL IT, SO CAN *I!*
WHY, I MIGHT EVEN MAKE SOME MONEY OUTTA THIS!
KNOCK!
HOWDY, MA'AM! WOULD YOU CARE TO BUY SOME NATURAL BACON AND ASH SOAP?
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? HOW *DARE* YOU SELL *OFFICIAL* JUNIOR WOODCHUCK SOAP?

WHACK!
AARGH!
I SHOULDA SEEN THAT COMING! BUT I'M STILL NOT GIVING UP!
AND SO...
THIS OLD, DISCARDED SHIRT BELONGING TO THE KIDS WILL HAVE TO DO, EVEN IF IT IS A TIGHT FIT! AND I'LL JUST BORROW SOME OF THEIR OLD WOODCHUCK MEDALS!
WHAT ELSE DO I NEED? AHA! THAT SLEEPING KITTY-CAT REMINDS ME! A WOODCHUCK HAT!
PERFECT! THIS OLD CAST-OFF BELONGING TO HUEY'LL DO NICELY!
AND NOW I'LL TRY A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE NOBODY KNOWS ME!
A LOG HOUSE! THESE FOLKS SHOULD THRIVE ON WOODCHUCK PRODUCTS!
AFTERNOON, MISTER! I'M SELLING OFFICIAL WOODCHUCK SOAP! ER...ARE YOU A COP?
NOPE! I'M THE H.O.G. W.A.S.H.E.R.* AND I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR WOODCHUCK FUND-RAISING!
HIGHLY OFFICIAL GREAT WOODCHUCK ACCOUNTANT, SKILLED IN HOARDING EXCESSIVE RESERVES
AND...YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A WOODCHUCK?!
ER...YEAH! HEH-HEH!

YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR, BUSTER! RECITE THE FIRST THIRTEEN WOODCHUCK ATTRIBUTES!
LET'S SEE...THE KIDS ARE ALWAYS REPEATING THEM!
UM... WOODCHUCKS ARE...UH... TRUSTWORTHY... HELPFUL... WELL-OILED...
ENOUGH! THAT'S LOYAL, NOT OILED, YOU OAF! YOU'RE NO WOODCHUCK!
BLAT!
THERE HE GOES!
IT'S THE "IMPOSTOR AMONG US" CALL!
UH-OH! THEY'RE COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS!
I'LL LOSE THEM IN THE BACK YARDS!
YIKES! BAD CHOICE FOR A YARD!
ROWRR!
SHEESH! THEY'RE ATTRACTED TO THIS DARN SOAP!
ARF! GRRR! YIP!

JEEPERS! THEY'VE NEARLY CAUGHT UP WITH ME! I'LL HAVE TO SWIM FOR IT!
GRRR! WOOF! GRRR!
THAT STOPPED THEM! I'M GETTING AWAY!
YUCK! THIS AWFUL SOAP'S GETTING WET AND SLIMY!
BLUP!
BLORP!
STILL THESE CATFISH SEEM TO THINK IT TASTES GREAT! YUCK AND DOUBLE YUCK!
SO, A WET AND BEDRAGGLED DONALD SLITHERS HOME...
WELL, AT LEAST I'M RID OF THAT REVOLTING SOAP!
SQUISH!
SQUISH!
UNCA DONALD!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
IT'S A LONG AND AWFUL STORY, BOYS!
WELL, WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE THAT'LL CHEER YOU UP!
YOU'RE THE WOODCHUCK'S TOP FUND-RAISING BUYER!
SO YOU'VE WON A BIG PRIZE!
THIRTEEN CASES OF YOUR FAVORITE PRODUCT! OFFICIAL JUNIOR WOODCHUCK SOAP!
PLOP!

First of all, I have to say that it's great to have the classic Disney comics back after an almost five-year hiatus! A lot of things have happened over that time including the passing of Mr. Barks and other tragic events in the world. It's great to be able to get away from the rigors and travails of daily life and enjoy some wholesome, entertaining comics again. I collect all the comics except for *Mickey Mouse and Friends,* since I'm not much of a Mickey fan (although I don't mind reading Mouse stories). I have to say that so far the "gem" of Gemstone's run has been Don Rosa's "The Three Caballeros Ride Again" in *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories.* It's quickly become one of my favorite Duck stories. I had to put my VHS copy of "The Three Caballeros" on and sing along during the musicals. As a writer to a previous column suggested, I think it'd be great to see some of the history between Donald, José, and Panchito explored. Maybe we could see a few new adventures featuring the trio (I'd love to see William Van Horn offer his slapstick take on them). The prestige books are fabulous because the same great people that did them for Gladstone are doing them now.

I'm glad your Take-Along Comic, "Donald Duck Adventures," lets us see some great European work. I consider those to be the "fantasy" Duck stories, with the Barks/Rosa/Van Horn time line being the "official," real-life stories. As for *Donald Duck and Friends,* I'd like to see the "Friends" be the ones from Donald's world (Grandma, Daisy, the Woodchucks, etc.) instead of Mickey's. I think *Mickey Mouse and Friends* should feature the "Friends" from Mickey's world (Goofy, Minnie, Horace, etc.) instead of Donald's. Nevertheless, I have no complaints.

In their last run, Gladstone chronologically reprinted the Osborne/Taliaferro daily and Sunday strips in *Donald Duck.* At the time, a lot of us were interested in seeing a complete chronological collection in album or book format. Is there any chance of that happening?

There was talk that Another Rainbow would possibly re-release *The Fine Art of Walt Disney's Donald Duck* in a new affordable edition. Does Gemstone have any plans to offer that up for us?

Thank you for your fine work, and heres to a long and prosperous run well into the 21st century!

Mark Vancak
via email

We have no plans at present to reprint any more of the Donald Daily strips, but we do have plans to reissue the Fine Art book sometime in the near future. Sorry to hear you don't buy our Mickey title. I wish you'd give it a try. It's pretty good

I loved "The Three Cabelleros Ride Again." I plan to vote for it as Story Of The Year in *The Comic Buyer's Guide's* poll !

Any chance of the 3Cs appearing again? I realize that a sequel might drain the magic…How about a story or two, say, by Don Rosa (or anybody else) showing the lads' prior, pre-Duckburg adventures ?

I find your apparent interest in Fethry Duck interesting and I applaud your apparent interest in widening the number of Disney characters you use, even within the boundaries of your deal with Disney. (Does the "Standard Characters only" condition mean Scamp is ruled out? Say it isn't so!)

I'd like to ask about two Gold Key-era stories I remember from my younger years. They may not be reprintable under the terms of your current license, but I'd like to know their titles so I can possibly go searching for them. I will refer to them by in-my-head titles:

"Thou Art Fairest In The Land, Oh Witchie." By serenading…Witch Hazel?…with the likes of the above-mentioned (insincere) praises, the Beagle Boys get her to enchant mining instruments to attack Scrooge's holdings until the good guys get her to see what they really think of her. Probably around 1967.

"Paper Pizza." Scrooge mistakes thrown-away pulp paper stock for pizza dough and, insisting it be served in the company cafeteria, causes a strike. Realizing his mistake, he makes up, food-serving wise, with "roast turkey with all the trimmings! Yay!" Probably 1970s. I've meant to write/ask about these stories ever since the early 1990s days of the Disney titles.

Any possibility of Moby Duck or Super Goof showing up?

Anyhow, your new Disney comics have been even better than expected! Keep up the good work!

Walter Loyd Lilly
via email

The first story you mention is undoubtedly a Beagle Boys and Mad Madam Mim story from the Beagle Boys' own title, which ran for 47 issues between 1964 and 1979. I don't know about the second story. Perhaps one of our readers can help us?

—John Clark

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